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The Guardian

The newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

To the always-amazing populace of Oertha, Greetings!

Now that We are leaving the cold, white time of the year behind us and entering the seasons of color – first brown and then green – We look forward to more chances to spend time with all of you. While His Highness was able to attend Pi Day in Eskalya and We both attended Fool's Revel in Winters Gate, our travel within Oertha will pick up very soon. In April We will attend Hrafnafjordr's Newcomers Event and the Fairy Tale Fete in Pavlok Gorod. May will bring the Eskalya May Revel and Selveirgard's Spring Offensive/Baronial Changeover. In June We will be at the first weekend of Three Barons' Faire, and then at an event in Juneau, and July will bring WAR!!! between An Tir and the West, so We will travel south and rally behind Our King. After that, We will choose and invest Our Heirs and return to Our country estates. We hope that many of you can join us for at least a few of these events.

The chronic plea of Royalty, everywhere and at every level, is that you let Us know of those in the Populace who are deserving of recognition. Please let Us know of any that you feel have been overlooked. Remember that you do not have to have an award to recommend someone for that award, and that you can recommend that We recognize someone without recommending for a specific award. If We need more information, We can always ask you for clarification. Also remember that both Their Majesties and all the landed Barons and Baronesses of Oertha are also always happy to receive recommendations.

We hope to see many of you soon. If you are new to the Principality or the Society, or if for some other reason either of Us do not know you, please introduce yourself to Us at any time at an event when We are not overwhelmed with matters of state – We would like to meet as many of you as We can!

In service to Oertha and to the West,

--- *Crucillus*, Princeps --- *Filis*, Principessa

Here Recognize Crucillus and Eilis, 74th Prince and Princess of Oertha
Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson photo editing by Sigurd of Eskalya

Pavlok Gorod Fantastic Fairytale Fete XX
Saturday April 22nd, 2023
The Shire of Pavlok Gorod

The howling winds have calmed and the deep snows covering our lands have started to recede to make way for new life on our wee island. Join us in celebration of Spring and the hope of warmer weather gracing our fair isle. The Shire of Pavlok Gorod cordially invites you to our twentieth Fantastic Fairytale Fete! This year's theme is your persona's favorite fairytale, myth, or legend. Whether you are enchanted by fantastic dragons or courageous knights, please bring your favorite tale to share.

Rapier: Armor inspection will be at 9AM and fighting will commence at 10 AM. Please bring your Arts and Sciences project or peruse the A&S chest to find a new project.

Feast: Feast is potluck. Please bring your favorite Medieval/Renaissance food to share, along with the written ingredients. All contributions that are fairytale themed can be added to the Fantastic Fairytale Foods competition. Please be aware: No shellfish or orange on site due to allergies. Thank you!

Storytelling Competition: Bring your favorite fairytale, myth, or legend. Each entry will be scored on Presentation/Mode, Quality, Creativity and Documentation. Bardic will be held after the feast.

Arts and Sciences Competitions

Fantastic Fairytale Foods: Serve it forth! Your best interpretation of a fairytale food. Please note whether it is edible or decorative. Include documentation, if available. If edible, please include an ingredients list.

Site: To be determined

Lodging for off-island cousins: Limited lodging, local transportation, and hospitality will be joyfully provided to off island guests in the homes of our populace. Please contact the seneschal, Sonia Clary at mairghread@westkingdom.org or 907-654-9647 as soon as possible with your travel plans.

Please contact event Steward for any other questions. **Event Steward:** Thomas McEwan (Jonathon Clary) — E-mail: jtclary5150@gmail.com — Phone: 907-654-9614

Start Time: Site Opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 7:00 PM
Site Fee: Free

Eskalya May Revel
Saturday May 20th, 2023
Barony of Eskalya

SPRING THAW! Winter is gone; the fjords are free of ice and snow and Spring comes forth with a symphony of color... Blah Blah, come we now to celebrate!

Fighters want a tourney event. Artisans want completions. The ladies want a feast-dancy thingie.

WHAT'S AN AUTOCRAT TO DO!!!? DO THEM ALL!? YES!!

We herein offer diversions enough to welcome Spring with food, fun and frivolity. To that end we are thinking warm and sunny thoughts.

COMPLETIONS: Something Sunny. A/S Sun also Rises. Best display of sun(s) in any mode.

GAMES: Quick the Bard and Stomp the Duck.

FIGHTING: Barron Bransle, most outrageous death, and 3-legged race in armor for Heavies. Rapier will have fanciest death, bear pit, and 3-legged race in amour.

BARDIC: "Chalice from the Palace" challenge.

COOKING: Spring themed desserts

FEAST: Pot luck. Barony will furnish meat. Site TBA

Event Steward: Elspeth Bouchannane (Jacki Frederick)
 Phone: 907-240-3759
 E-mail: edenwild205@gmail.com

Start Time:
 Site opens 10 AM and closes 8 PM

Site Fee:
 TBA

Selviergard Spring Offensive

Friday May 26th, 2023, to Monday May 29th, 2023
Barony of Selviergard, Wasilla, Alaska

Join the Barony of Selviergard for our 20th birthday bash as we Lay Siege to Paris! There will be something for everyone: heavy and rapier fighting, archery contests, war and raiding scenarios, an Iron Chef cooking contest, bardic and A&S activities, children's scavenger hunt, and other surprises.

This is a camping event, open for the entire 3-day weekend. Feasts on BOTH Saturday and Sunday nights. More details to come, watch the Facebook pages!

Event Steward - Gretchen Thompson/Margarita Catherine di Calvi

Event Steward Phone: 907-244-6543

Event Steward email -
gretchenmthompson@yahoo.com

Date - May 26-29, 2023, Time - 4pm - 4pm

Registration Amount - Adult Event Registration: \$(adult with no membership) FREE,

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$(adult with membership) FREE

Children: \$FREE Family Cap: \$FREE

PLEASE NOTE: *Feast fee \$10 per person over 2 years; covers BOTH Sat and Sun night's feasts.

Name of sponsoring branch: Barony of Selviergard

Location of site: Lake Lucille Park, Wasilla

Directions to site: Mile 1.3 Knik-Goose Bay Rd, turn N onto E. Riley Rd, turn R onto S. Endeavor St and follow to the end, watch for signs.

OERTHAN CALENDAR

APRIL

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MAY

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Barony of Selviergard, Wasilla, Alaska

JUNE

Winter's Gate Spring Hastilude

Saturday June 3rd, 2023

Barony of Winter's Gate

Pavlok Gorod See the Sea

Saturday June 10th, 2023

The Shire of Pavlok Gorod

JULY

Eskalya Lioness's Tournament

Saturday July 8th, 2023

Barony of Eskalya

Oertha Summer Coronet/Investiture

Friday July 14th, to Sunday July 16th, 2023
A Principality event being held in the
Barony of Selviergard

Calendar Continued

Cooks' Playdate and Oerthan Meet and Beat

Friday July 28th, to Sunday July 30th, 2023

A Principality event being held in the
Barony of Selviergard



From the New Chronicler...

The Guardian is the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, and also my new baby. I need all of you to help in keeping it full of information, articles, and more. If you are an autocrat of an event, please consider sending your event information directly to the Chroniclers (both the Principality and the local branches) so that they can ensure that your event information is published. If you have wisdom to share such as an article or research paper; please consider submitting it to the newsletter so that others can learn as well.

The deadline for submissions for the Summer edition of *The Guardian* will be July 1st.

I am looking for a deputy for the position of Principality Chronicler. The deputy will receive hands on training in crafting a newsletter and other items related to this position. The deputy will eventually succeed me sometime in the future.

In Service,

Nemonna Vicana



From the Principality A&S Officer

Greetings unto the Populace! You're A&S Officers are hard at work. Don't forget to enter in your Baronial Competitions and upload your photos into the A&S On-line Museum on the Principality of Oertha Facebook page.

We are working on an A&S activity for the Principality. In 2024, we are planning for Oertha to have a Living Village and Oerthan Wargy at Trapper Creek, Alaska. **The project is currently in the conceptual planning stages and will streamline during the summer.** Baroness Ann FitzRichard will be Stewarding the War-gy Side of the Event and will post more about the War-gy at a later date. Prizes will be awarded to the team that presents the most plausible period A&S activity tent. A bit of information thus far.

Purpose: Ulf Hall Village is an Oerthan re-creation of the Arts and Sciences. The purpose of the Living Village is to present a skill during an era that educates and allows the demo and Populace to experience the joy of the craft. Ulf Hall Village is like a TARDIS and designed to take one back in time, a trip to the past that demonstrates what the Artisan Area would have looked like during the time period chosen. Although it will be a Village, Ulf Hall Village is also a Demo and is open to the public during the day. (Yes, we will have "Security"). Elements for the public will include some hands on if possible.



From the Principality A&S Officer Continued

Example of a Ulf Hall Village Pavilion: Group Silver decides to set up a Blacksmith Pavilion in the 11th century. They research how a Blacksmith's impacts a town or village in the 11th c in Iceland. The Blacksmith's will have a forge. Group Silver creates a forge, a hammer and anvil, casting molds, and tools. They decide to create a pavilion using modern canopies and hide all the modern elements. (Except the fire-extinguisher). They gather all the material that they would use and set up a "Discovery Table." The Discovery Table has educational and hands on items. Participants can touch raw iron, metals and watch the Blacksmith as they forge a knife.

Four categories of Judging:

1. Laurel: Laurel to Artisan/Apprentice is a 1:3 ration. All people must be contributing equally. One can be removed from the Group if one is not contributing at their level.
2. Artisan: Laurel to Artisan/Apprentice is a 1:4+.ration. All people must be contributing equally. One can be removed from the Group if one is not contributing at their level.
3. Youth: Any youth 16 and under that contribute at their level and must be a working part of your Demo Tent. (Groups will receive extra points if 1-2 youth are contributing at their level. Youth will be judged by their Group and will receive separate awards).
4. People's Choice: Populace and Guests vote on their favorite A&S Craft Pavilion.



Thus far we have:

1. 15th Century Outdoor Cooking
2. 16th Century Lace Making
3. Viking methods on pre-paring wool for dyeing and spinning.
4. Scroll Work
5. Leather Crafting (Century to be determined).

There are many many possibilities! Now is the time to think about what you would like to present and create for Ulf Hall Village.


More information will be made available as we progress. For now, find your people, find your craft and start planning.

A big Shout-out to all A&S Officers and their Deputies. You are all doing fantastic, and I am honored to work with such an amazing group of people!

Live Long and Prosper in the Dream,

Kennari Cempestrae I Holtasjona
A&S Officer for the Principality of Oertha





Oerthan Summer Coronet and Investiture July 14-16, 2023 The Principality of Oertha

Greetings to the Known World!
Their Highnesses, Crucillus and Eilis, invite you to come join Them as They Observe with Much Joy and Excitement, the Coronet Tournament to see who the Heirs will be.
Letters of Intend will be required for inclusion in the lists.

More info TBA as it becomes available.

Event Steward: **Ceara Der Alcan MKA: Jennifer Rynearson**

From out of state, your best airport to fly into is Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (IATA Code: ANC)

Site Information:

[Alaska State Fairgrounds \(Rebarchek Field,, Palmer AK 99645\)](#)

Rebarchek Field, 2075 Glenn Hwy
99645 Palmer , AK See map: [Google Maps US](#)

Start Time:

Site opens at 1:00 pm on Friday and closes at 4pm on Sunday.

Site Fee:

Adult Event Registration: \$25. Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$20.
Children/minors under 17: Free

Directions:

From Anchorage or south of there: Take the Glenn Hwy AK-1 north toward Palmer. 4.5 miles north of the Palmer cutoff, turn right on to Rebarchek Ave. and follow signs.

From north: Take the Parks Hwy (AK – 3) south toward Palmer. Take the AK-1 exit toward Palmer/Glennallen, turn right on to Rebarchek Ave. and follow signs.

Watch for the signs pointing to the correct entrance gate/parking lot.

Oerthan Winter Coronet Celebrated

Event highlights for the Principality of Oertha's Winter Coronet and Investiture

The time has come to delight in the reign of Prince Søren and Princess Alienor and to all hail New Heirs as governed by Right of Combat within the frigid lands of Oertha and revel at Winter Coronet and Investiture held within the borders of Winter's Gate. The chilly winds blew across frozen lands and the snow was plentiful in this winter; but it won't deter the Oerthans and travelers from all the lands as they come together in the dark of winter to the Barony of Winter's Gate to make merry and enjoy the good company.

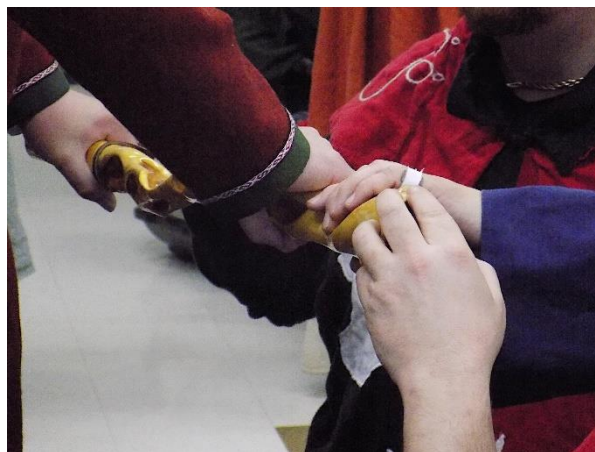
Many arrived on Friday evening; anxious to be with one and all and relish in the camaraderie. Saturday was greeted with much excitement for the upcoming tournament.

The hall was adorned with banners & decorations, as the populace arrived, they were saluted with enthusiasm by friends & family and the overall tone of the event was enthusiastically apparent to all—merriment and hospitality were in abundance. The leather coin site tokens were absolutely beautiful and were hand made by Niell.

We were all treated to Rodrigo telling a tale before the Lists Saturday.



As the court of Søren and Alienor, Prince and Princess of Oertha opened, the feeling of excitement was in the air for the start of the tournament. The ceremony was underway in the blink of an eye for the Lists for the Coronet Tournament. The Fighters, beside their consorts, presented themselves to the Prince and Princess of Oertha and requested to be welcomed into the Lists. the fighters were encouraged to select their first couplings for the tournament. And then at His Highnesses behest the fighters assembled to state their oath and pledge honor on the field.



The tournament was intensely fought, all with respect, honor and gallantry evident and proudly exhibited on the field by all fighters of all standings and degrees. With blade versus shield and vigorous roars around the Eric as weapons and more entwined together, slowly but surely there can be only one.

With the finals at hand, it was Sir Cruscillus & Hans Shaffer Von Teufelshunde facing one another on the field of battle.



Both fighters were amazing in the finals with many breath-taking acts of chivalry and honor to behold. It was Sir Cruscillus that took the day for the honor of Eilis. Long Live the Lord & Lady



A&S was in full swing at coronet There was a Leather Arts Class done by Niell Mac Nyven covering ways to transfer patterns or images onto vegetable tan leather that was well attended and enjoyed by many.

Ceara did a Roman rag doll class for kids and adults alike with lots of laughter to be heard from the participants.

For those that were interested in trying out calligraphy styles and different nibs Mistress Tama was on hand to help and make sure they all had a chance to get their calligraphy on.

We had a Five for Five A & S challenge and also an A & S viewing table.

There was the Ivory Spoon Competition: pickled food in any period. sponsored by the Lovely Clare Elena de Montfort.

We had a lovely visit from Countess Astrid of the Fjordlands and while here she gave special tokens to the Veterans in attendance, they are a lovely red, white and blue bead and a special coin that was designed by Astrid and the Moneyers guild. This is something she is very passionate about and loves recognizing our military folks.



All the Courts were filled with so many wonderful awards honors and recognitions.

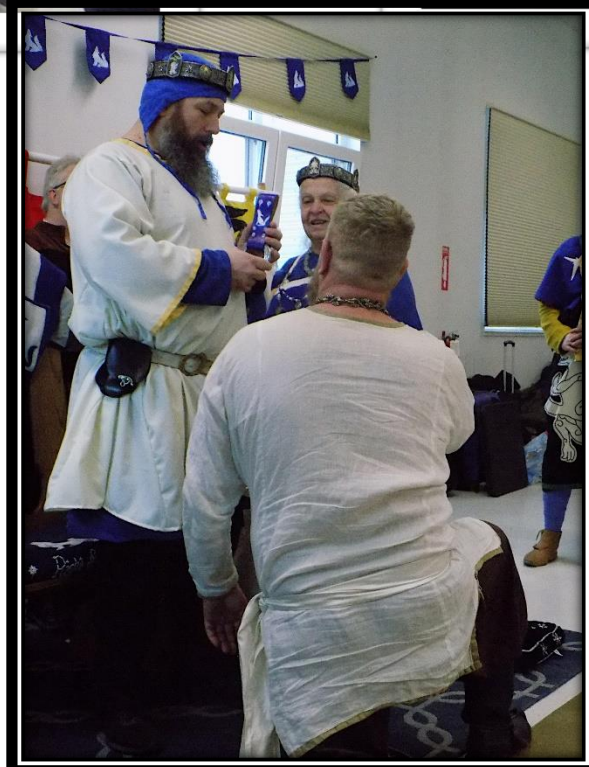
Award of Arms Aidan Haak & Joelle de Lis. **Oerthan Order of Grace** Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill. **Argent Stylus** Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva. **Snowy Owl** Annora de Montfort of Shadowood and Myrra of Selvieregard. **Argent Wolf** House Tundra Weaseland & The 105st Gladiatorial Legion. **Boreal Fireweed** Elena verch Rhys, Fearghus mac Gyllfynnan, Hraði Kqtrr. **Oerthan Order of Hospitality** Eilis O'Boirne. **Order of the Diamond Willow** Anne FitzRichard. **Order of the Oerthan Sword** Hans Shaffer, Sextus Valerius Cruscillus and a surprise for His Majesty Kenric Maur. **Princess's Patron** Anna di Caterina Neri, Clare Elena de Montfort, Eirný Viðarsdóttir, Hraði Kqtrr, Jacqueline de Lioncourt, Lena of Eskalya, Sara a la Petite Rose.

We were also all delighted by His Majesty Kenric in watching Viresse' de Lighthaven & Margarita Catherine di Calvi made Laurels. furthermore, The King fashioned Mistress Gisla a Court Baroness. Arnþór received his Rose Leaf for his wonderful A&S contributions to all Oertha and Draven of Selvieregard received his AOA.



All Photos in coronet highlights section by Halfdan Ozurrson.Hafdan

Investiture commenced on Sunday with much merriment as Crucillus and Eilis Ascended the thrones of Oertha, His Majesty Kenric was surprised with a much overdue award of the Oerthan Sword. In closing it was an amazing event and filled many with a sense of fun and family.



*Long Live the Crown
Prince & Princess of the West
Hans & Ciar!!!!!!!
Huzzah!!!!*



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**PROGRESS
FOR CRUCILLUS AND EILIS**

April 1, Saturday:
Winter's Gate Fools Revel

April 15, Saturday:
Hrafnafjordr Newcomer's Feast

April 22, Saturday: Pavlok Gorod
Fantastic Fairytale Fete

April 28-30, F/Su:
Beltane Coronation – Eilis only

May 5-7, F/Su:
Cynagua-Mists War – Eilis only

May 20, Saturday:
Eskalya May Revel

May 26-29, F/M:
Selveirgard Baronial Changeover

June 3-4, S/Su:
Three Barons' Faire

June 10, Saturday:
Earngyld Event

June 16-18, F/Su:
Summer Crown – Eilis only

June 27-July 2, Tu/M:
An Tir-West War

July 14-16, F/Su:
Oertha Coronet and Investiture

A THANK YOU TO THE POPULACE

Greetings to the generous populace of Oertha,

In March, I travelled to the far lands of Gleann Abhann to attend Gulf Wars and witness the Pelican ceremonies of Viscount Karl Helweg and Viscountess Élise da Nizza. While there, I exchanged gifts with Their Royal Highnesses of the Midrealm. The gifted items (which were identifiable) were contributed by House Comitatus, Margarita di Calvi, Fergus MacThomais, Nemonna Vicana, Lena of Eskalya, Celestria Testrix, Debbie of Selveirgard, Elspeth Buchannane of Loch Lomond, Anne FitzRichard, Gisla Æðikollr, and Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill. The “centerpiece” of the gift was a 9x12-foot floorcloth painted for the Middle Kingdom by Mistress Danaë FitzRoberts, a resident of Cynagua in the Lower Kingdom. She is amazingly talented and a good friend – and she did this with about a month’s notice! We are very grateful all who contribute to the Principality’s largesse.

Our largesse coffers are adequate to meet Our week-to-week event needs. However, when We know what gifts are needed for the An Tir-West War, We will put out a call for assistance. Also, the coffers are not well-stocked with gifts for newcomers (hats, mugs, belts) or children, and We would like to be able to offer gifts to all newcomers at Coronet, and to have a toy-box run for the children present. Any gifts that fit in these two categories will be gratefully accepted.

Again, thank you all for your continuing generosity.

In service to Oertha,

--- *Filis*, Principessa



MEET AND BEAT

July 29th, 2023

LOCATION PALMER, AK

TEACHERS INCLUDE:

- SVEN RANDULLSSON (ANSTEORRA)
- ANTIGONE OF YORK (ANSTEORRA)
- HEINRICH VON MELK (WEST)
- HELGA SKJALDMEAR (WEST)
- MIKOLAJ THORKELWICZ (AN TIR)
- AND MORE!

SOME OF THE CLASSES:

- SMALL BODY POWER GENERATION
- BASIC MECHANICS
- LEARNING TO TEACH
- RANGE, TIMING, & CONTROL
- GEAR CONSTRUCTION AND COMMON ISSUES
- AND MORE!

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